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Complete the paragraph below by writing the words from the word box on the spaces provided. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

April Fool's Day

Word Box

watch	Day	pranks
celebrate	family	humorous

April Fool's _____ is sometimes referred to as All Fool's Day. The root of this fun and _____ holiday remains fuzzy. Many international cultures _____ some variation of this humorous holiday. Celebrated in the United States, many friends and _____ members play pranks, gags, or jokes on each other. Some commonly used _____ include inviting people to an imaginary party or setting a person's _____ ahead or back one hour.

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April Fool's Day

Word Box

Fool's	celebrate	England	special
Holy	played	jokes	traditions

Many cultures _____ a holiday similar to April Fool's Day. For example, practical _____ are all around in Spain on what is known as The Feast of the _____ Innocents. This _____ day is celebrated on December 28th each year. Additionally, pranks are _____ on people in France. This day is called April Fish or Poisson d'Avril. Pranks and practical jokes are played in _____, yet only in the morning! When jokes are played on a person here, they become known as a noodle! The origin of April _____ Day as celebrated in the United States remains unclear yet is often thought of a combination of many cultural and historical _____.

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April Fool's Day

Word Box

determine	year	jokes	Fool's	result
forgetting	first	belief	radio	uncertainty

Trying to _____ when April Fool's Day started is fairly complicated. It appears a great deal of _____ lies with this holiday. One _____ of how April _____ Day originated is related to when the calendar _____ for each New Year was changed from April first to January _____. Legend claims that the delay of this message, due to the absence of television or _____ at the time, was one reason people didn't learn of this change. Other reasons have included the simple ignoring or _____ of the calendar change. As a _____, these people were then referred to as "fools" and opened the door for many practical _____ and pranks.

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Earth Day

Word Box

millions

ecosystem

reinforced

issues

countries

Day

Earth _____ moved into the global arena in 1990. Environmental
_____ and concerns were placed on the forefront as Earth Day reached 141
_____ and 200 million individuals. Recycling efforts are
_____ each Earth Day. Earth Day 2000 reached hundreds of
_____ of individuals in 184 countries. The drive for a clean and healthy
environment and _____ remains strong and Earth Day serves as a reminder to
the commitment of this endeavor.

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Earth Day

Word Box

April	Agency	ecosystem	public
celebration	Senator	Day	first

The very _____ Earth Day celebration was held on April 22, 1970. Following this first _____, the Environmental Protection _____, also known as the EPA, was formed. Earth _____ was the direct result of many years of effort from former _____ Gaylord Nelson. His concerns that led to this special day, held each _____, were environmental. Former Senator Gaylord Nelson was the catalyst that led to _____ awareness of the earth and earth's _____ limitations.

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Earth Day

Word Box

Senator	clean	United	polluted	idea
environment	plants	April	message	public

Since 1963, former Senator Gaylord Nelson worked on educating the _____ about the importance of taking care of the earth and the _____. He realized the environment was becoming _____ and worried about the effect this pollution would have on the animals and _____ on the earth. Former _____ Gaylord Nelson met with lawmakers and even met with the President of the _____ States! In these meetings, he requested these individuals help spread his _____ of concern. In 1969, Former Senator Gaylord Nelson had an _____ of holding a special day to learn about the importance of keeping our environment _____. This idea led to Earth Day. The first Earth Day was held on _____ 22, 1970.

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Arbor Day

Word Box

Friday

holiday

term

world

trees

Arbor

Arbor Day is celebrated the last _____ each April in the United States. This holiday, which celebrates the replanting of _____ and shrubs, officially began in 1872 in Nebraska. Variations of _____ Day are celebrated all over the world. This special _____ serves as a reminder to people of the nation and _____ about the importance of reforestation of the earth. The _____ arbor means tree in Latin!

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Arbor Day

Word Box

forest	idea	trees	planting
sun	United	soil	newspaper

Nebraska was once deforested as the expansion of the _____ States took place. It was in the 1800's that Julius Sterling Morton, a _____ conversationalist, recognized the importance of replanting _____ in the Great Plains area. As a _____ editor, Morton was able to spread his _____ and the notion of replanting. He pointed out the reasons trees were important, such as natural windbreakers that help reduce _____ erosion, the supply of firewood provided, and the natural block from the _____. January 4, 1872 marks the day Morton proposed the name Arbor Day to represent a day set aside each year for the _____ of trees.

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Arbor Day

Word Box

Day	Sterling	planting	1872	Arbor
trees	Plains	replant	holiday	believed

The Great _____ of the United States was home to the first Arbor
_____ as known today. First held in _____ in Nebraska, Arbor
Day recognizes and celebrates the importance of an annual tree _____ day. Julius
Sterling Morton was a man who _____ in forestation. In an effort to
_____ trees in a treeless area, Julius _____ Morton proposed and
endorsed the idea for many years of having a special day or _____ that would
encourage people to plant _____. The idea eventually caught on. Today, variations
of the United States's _____ Day are celebrated worldwide.

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National Volunteer Week

Word Box

recognize

Volunteer

local

1974

opportunity

elderly

National _____ Week serves as a forum to honor and _____ the millions of people who volunteer to help others. Maybe these individuals help deliver food, visit the _____, and transport the sick. Whatever way the volunteer helps, a difference is made. Homes may be restored. Families may be given another _____. Since it's beginning in _____, support of National Volunteer Week has been overwhelming. Support can be found on _____, state, and national levels.

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National Volunteer Week

Word Box

millions	honors	States	world
Volunteer	gifts	national	effort

Volunteering is among the greatest _____ a person can give. This giving may be of time, _____, and/or energy to help others. In recognition of the _____ of volunteers that help on local, state, and/or _____ levels, in 1974 former United _____ President Richard Nixon signed into legislation National _____ Week. Held each April, this special time _____ all these individuals. Make a difference in your _____ and become a volunteer!

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National Volunteer Week

Word Box

state	Volunteer	help	National	celebration
week	order	President	donate	United

National _____ Week is held each April in the _____ States of America. This special _____ recognizes and honors many of the nation's volunteers, individuals who _____ their time and efforts to _____ others at no cost. This special week of _____ began in 1974 when former _____ Richard Nixon placed his signature on an executive _____ stating this special time. _____ Volunteer Week celebrates all those individuals who share the gift of time and energy on local, _____, and national levels.

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National Frog Month

Word Box

moist	skin	land
amphibian	breathe	slimy

Frogs are members of the tailless _____ (or Anura) group called Salientia. Frogs live on both _____ and water. In fact they need both settings. A frog must keep its _____ moist. Their bodies naturally produce _____ mucus that helps keep the skin moist. Frogs get the oxygen they need to live through their _____ skin. The frog's skin serves many purposes. It serves as an outer covering of the frog, it allows the frog to drink, and _____ !

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National Frog Month

Word Box

feed	water	tadpole	lay
fragile	seven	grate	grasses

Frogs live on both land and in the _____. Frogs are tailless amphibians that return to the water to mate and _____ eggs. After hatching, a small and _____ tadpole often floats along on weeds or _____ in the water. The _____ will be able to swim around on its own about _____ to ten days after hatching. The tadpole will also begin to _____ itself on algae at about the same time as it becomes able to swim. Tiny teeth allow the tadpole to _____ their food. Tadpoles often become social little creatures by the fourth week!

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National Frog Month

Word Box

dry	bulging	skin	Frogs	surprised
family	bumpy	world	Toads	bullfrog

Although often thought of as different, Toads are actually _____ ! Frogs from the Ranidae _____ can be found in all locations in the _____ with the exception on the Antarctic. Typically, these frogs have _____ eyes, long webbed feet, and slimy, wet _____. Some frogs that are members of this family include the _____, green frog, marsh frog, and wood frog. _____ are members of the Bufonidae family. They often have dry, _____, wart like skin and have short and thick bodies. This family of frogs prefer _____ climates. Were you _____ to learn that Toads are really Frogs?

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Mathematics Awareness Month

Word Box

Reagan

state

study

known

Awareness

math

Local, _____, and national activities and events about _____ take place each April as Mathematics _____ Month is celebrated. Started back in 1986, and originally _____ as Mathematics Awareness Week, this event tries to raise the level of recognition and importance of this field of _____. Endorsed and supported by Former President Ronald _____, many schools, universities, and colleges hold math activities.

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Mathematics Awareness Month

Word Box

colleges	national	supported	1986
Month	Awareness	place	importance

Local, state, and _____ activities and events about math
take _____ each April as Mathematics Awareness _____ is
celebrated. Started back in _____, and originally known as Mathematics
_____ Week, this event tries to raise the level of recognition and
_____ of this field of study. Endorsed and _____ by Former
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Mathematics Awareness Month

Word Box

Smithsonian	groups	events	Mathematics	celebration
Week	colleges	April	President	awareness

National _____ Month is held each April. Originally celebrated as Mathematics Awareness _____, it serves as a vehicle to broaden an understanding as well as an _____ of mathematics. Many schools, _____, students groups and math interest _____ hold special mathematical events during the month of _____. Started in 1986 by the endorsement of then _____ Ronald Reagan, the beginning _____ included a mathematic exhibit at the _____ Institution! Each year, a different theme is selected for the _____ of National Mathematics Month

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National Poetry Month

Word Box

Sonnets	styles	April
publishers	raise	Poetry

Did you know that _____ is National Poetry Month? Begun in 1996 this literacy holiday, celebrated each April, bridges authors, schools, colleges, poets, _____, and literacy groups. The purpose of National _____ Month is to _____ the level of awareness and accessibility of the world of poetry! Many varied _____ of poetry exist. Some different forms of poems include Haiku, Limericks, Rhyme, and _____ .

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National Poetry Month

Word Box

National	Month	1996	activities
goals	poetry	writing	libraries

In _____, the Academy of American Poets initiated _____ Poetry Month. Since then, schools, _____, colleges, universities, poets, and other literacy groups celebrate the genre of _____ each April. Special literacy events and _____ are held. National Poetry _____ celebrates poetry! Among the _____ of National Poetry Month is to introduce more individuals to the joys of reading and _____ poetry.

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National Poetry Month

Word Box

events	Month	groups	wrote	joy
Poetry	celebrates	publishers	National	American

In 1996, the Academy of _____ Poets initiated National _____ Month. Since then, schools, libraries, colleges, _____, poets, and other literacy _____ celebrate the genre of poetry each April. Special literacy _____ and activities are held. _____ Poetry Month _____ poetry! Among the goals of National Poetry _____ is introduce more individuals to the _____ of reading and writing poetry. When was the last time you _____ a poem? Why not today?

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National Library Week

Word Box

second

weeklong

thanked

celebrates

Library

Each April, the American Library Association promotes what's known as National _____ Week. This special week, started in 1958, recognizes and _____ the abundant and varied contributions of librarians and libraries across the United States. All libraries partake in this _____ observance. Most often, National Library Week is held the _____ full week of April each year. When was the last time you _____ a librarian? When was the last time you visited your _____ or public library?

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National Library Week

Word Box

literacy	64,000	Library	
1958	States	world	Association

National _____ Week, started by American Library Association in _____, is held for one week each April in the United _____. The American Library _____ is among the largest as well as oldest literacy groups in the _____. Currently, the American Library Association is approximately _____ members strong. This _____ organization strives to provide the highest caliber of literacy resources information to the _____.

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National Library Week

Word Box

recognition	statistics	National	117,400	public
different	American	States	year	libraries

Libraries have remained a constant force in the _____ society. Each _____, specifically the second full week of each April, _____ Library Week helps promote _____ of the importance and value of all libraries. Although no specific _____ are present on specific libraries, it's believed that approximately _____ libraries of different types exist in the United _____ alone. Among these _____ libraries are academic, _____, government, law, and medical _____.

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National Walk to Work Day

Word Box

lifestyles

April

response

minutes

walk

Day

National Walk to Work Day is held each _____ first in the United States.

This day encourages people to _____ to work if possible or at least 30

_____ at a brisk pace sometime during the day. In _____ to a

growing number of obese individuals and a rise of sedentary _____, United

States Secretary of Health and Human Services proclaimed the first day of each April as

National Walk to Work _____ .

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National Walk to Work Day

Word Box

2004	importance	thought	
confirm	walking	Thomas	confirm

Have you ever _____ about the benefits of walking? There are many! For example, research and studies _____ that 30 minutes of daily walking, at a brisk pace, helps _____ heart disease and diabetes. Additionally, _____ helps reduce weight gain. In _____ United States Secretary of Health and Human Services _____ G. Thompson, publicly recognized the _____ of walking. Tommy G. Thompson proclaimed the first of April each year in the United States to be _____ Walk to Work Day.

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National Walk to Work Day

Word Box

Work	walking	activity	30	important
diabetes	studies	day	reduce	brisk

Did you know that _____ briskly for 30 minutes each
_____ can improve your current health? Well, it can! Continued research and
_____ confirm that walking _____ minutes daily at what's called
a _____ pace can help _____ incidence of hearth disease and
_____. This daily _____ of walking also has the potential to limit
and or _____ additional weigh gain. In recognition of just how
_____ walking is the health of the nation, National Walk to _____
Day officially began in the United States in 2004.

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National TV-Turnoff Week

Word Box

replacing

television

monitoring

1994

American

active

National TV-Turnoff Week began in _____. Since that time, research has revealed that more _____ households have imposed limits _____ the amount of time children watch _____. This is significant in terms of promoting a healthy and more _____ lifestyle. Watching the television is a very sedentary activity. Limiting a child's time spent in front of the television and _____ this time with activities such as biking, walking, or hiking could quite possibly have the potential to improve the overall health and well being of the youngster!

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National TV-Turnoff Week

Word Box

time	televisions	visiting	book
annual	statistics	National	1,000

Each April 19th–25th is designated as _____ TV-Turnoff Week in the United States. This _____ event was begun in 1994. Staggering _____ reveal that many American youngsters spend more than _____ hours a week in front of the television. During this week, the nation is asked to turn off their _____, and replace the time usually spent watching TV with other activities. Other activities might include reading a _____, inviting a friend over, taking a hike, _____ the elderly, or shopping for a sick neighbor. Think about how you would like to spend your _____ during National TV-Turnoff Week this year.

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Association	television	Week	socializing	Sports
Academy	connections	1994	TV	National

Among supporters of the United States _____ TV-Turnoff Week are the American _____ of Pediatrics, President's Council on Physical Fitness and _____, National Education Association, and the American Medical _____. Held each April 19-25, National TV-Turnoff _____ was started in _____ by who's known as the TV-Turnoff Network. This organization promotes family, friendship, and community _____ and involvement. Additionally, the _____-Turnoff Network supports the _____ of the above-mentioned groups verses the sedentary, often unrealistic portrayals of life events often shown on _____.

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Answers

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1. Day
2. humorous
3. celebrate
4. family
5. pranks
6. watch

Page 2

1. celebrate
2. jokes
3. Holy
4. special
5. played
6. England
7. Fool's
8. tradition

Page 3

1. determine
2. uncertainty
3. belief
4. Fool's
5. year
6. first
7. radio
8. forgetting
9. result
10. jokes

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1. Day
2. issues
3. countries
4. reinforced
5. millions
6. ecosystem

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1. first
2. celebrations
3. Agency
4. Day
5. Senator
6. April
7. public
8. ecosystem

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1. public
2. environment
3. polluted
4. plants
5. Senator
6. United
7. message
8. idea
9. clean
10. April

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1. Friday
2. trees
3. Arbor
4. holiday
5. world
6. term

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1. United
2. forest
3. trees
4. newspaper
5. idea
6. soil
7. sun
8. planting

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1. Plains
2. Day
3. 1872
4. planting
5. believe
6. replant
7. Sterling
8. Holiday
9. Trees
10. Arbor

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1. Volunteer
2. recognize
3. elderly
4. opportunity
5. 1974
6. local

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1. gifts
2. effort
3. millions
4. national
5. States
6. Volunteer
7. honors
8. world

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1. Volunteer
2. United
3. week
4. donate
5. help
6. celebration
7. President
8. Order
9. National
10. State

Page 13

1. Amphibian
2. land
3. skin
4. slimy
5. moist
6. breathe

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1. water
2. lay
3. fragile
4. grasses
5. tadpole
6. seven
7. feed
8. grate

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1. Frogs
2. family
3. world
4. bulging
5. skin
6. bullfrog
7. Toads
8. bumpy
9. dry
10. surprised

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1. state
2. math
3. Awareness
4. known
5. study
6. Reagan

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1. activities
2. place
3. Month
4. 1986
5. Awareness
6. importance
7. supported
8. colleges

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1. Mathematics
2. Week
3. awareness
4. colleges
5. groups
6. April
7. President
8. events
9. Smithsonian
10. celebration

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1. April
2. publishers
3. Poetry
4. raise
5. styles
6. Sonnets

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1. 1996
2. National
3. libraries
4. poetry
5. activities
6. month
7. goals
8. writing

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1. American
2. Poetry
3. publishers
4. groups
5. events
6. National
7. celebrates
8. Month
9. joy
10. wrote

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1. Library
2. celebrates
3. weeklong
4. second
5. thanked
6. school

Page 23

1. Library
2. 1958
3. States
4. Association
5. world
6. 64,000
7. literacy
8. public

Page 24

1. American
2. year
3. national
4. recognition
5. statistics
6. 117,400
7. States
8. different
9. public
10. libraries

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1. April
2. walk
3. minutes
4. response
5. lifestyles
6. Day

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1. thought
2. confirm
3. reduce
4. walking
5. 2004
6. Thomas
7. importance
8. National

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1. walking
2. day
3. studies
4. 30
5. brisk
6. reduce
7. diabetes
8. reduce
9. important
10. Work

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1. 1994
2. American
3. monitoring
4. television
5. active
6. replacing

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1. National
2. annual
3. statistics
4. 1,000
5. television
6. book
7. visiting
8. time

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1. National
2. Academy
3. Sports
4. Association
5. Week
6. 1994
7. connections
8. TV
9. socializing
10. television